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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**PARKE COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR
IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR MAKING
COUNTERFEIT UNITED STATES \$100 BILLS**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MATTHEW A. RINGWALD, 24, Clinton, Indiana, was sentenced to 12 months (one year) imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to making counterfeit securities (\$100 bills) of the United States. This case was the result of an investigation by the United States Secret Service in conjunction with the Parke County Sheriff's Department, and the Avon Police Department.

On April 19, 2005, RINGWALD and another man were observed by the manager of a Meijer store in Avon, Indiana, passing counterfeit \$100 bills in separate check-out lines. The manager noted the license plate of the vehicle in which they left the parking lot. Police then located RINGWALD and the other man at a residence in Rosedale, Indiana. RINGWALD

confessed to making and passing the notes. Further investigation by the Secret Service revealed that the two men had passed numerous counterfeit \$100.00 bills in Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky, Georgia, and Florida between February 2005 and April 2005, as they traveled together to attend various functions.

RINGWALD's co-defendant is scheduled to appear for further proceedings in his case on October 14, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. before Chief Judge McKinney.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Donna R. Eide, who is prosecuting the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 2 years supervised release following RINGWALD's release from imprisonment. RINGWALD was fined in the amount of \$750.00 and ordered to make restitution to various commercial establishments where the counterfeit bills were passed in the amount of \$500.00..

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